

that time, Andre would go on to win two U.S. national championships along with several other major national tournaments.

The residents of the Ninth Congressional District of California, the entire State of California, and our Nation commend Andre Ward, not only for these extraordinary achievements, but also for the dedication and the perseverance he has demonstrated in working towards his goals. His commitment and determination have made it possible for him to realize this dream of winning an Olympic gold medal, and his success is truly an inspiration to all of us. We salute this phenomenal young man.

#### ECONOMY SUFFERING UNDER BUSH ADMINISTRATION

(Ms. WOOLSEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, George Bush is running for reelection on a platform that our economy is in good shape. Well, this is a sham.

Today, 8 million Americans are looking for work; 8 million Americans are looking for work. The unemployment rate is 30 percent higher than it was when he took office.

So what is he doing about it? He continues to encourage and reward sending good jobs overseas, while creating low-paying jobs right here at home and, at the same time, changes overtime policies to cheat millions of workers out of overtime pay.

What he ought to be doing is investing in our infrastructure, making sure that our Nation gets roads, highways, bridges, sewer systems, waste water treatment plants; our clean water systems are upgraded, are enlarged, are made better. Because, I say to my colleagues, those jobs pay a livable wage. Those jobs leave behind improvements for our communities and our country. That would increase the jobs in this country.

#### BUSH ADMINISTRATION UNDERFUNDS HOMELAND SECURITY

(Ms. BERKLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. BERKLEY. Mr. Speaker, it has been 3 years since the 9/11 attack on our Nation. Are we safer than we were before 9/11? Are we safe enough? The 9/11 Commission has done its job; now it is time for Congress to do ours.

Homeland security is still pitifully underfunded. Our police and firefighters are struggling to cope with the dual responsibilities of homeland security and traditional public safety in law enforcement.

The Bush administration has foolishly underfunded first responders and port security. The administration has failed to include a single dollar in its budget for rail or transit security.

First responders in southern Nevada tell me that we must direct more resources to those on the frontline on our war against terrorism: police, firefighters, hospital personnel. Given the President's plan to transport thousands of shipments of deadly radioactive nuclear waste across the country, it is imperative that the President plan to protect these proposed mobile Chernobyls from the possibility of a terrorist attack. Yet we have done nothing to ensure that our rail lines are safe.

Republican leadership has failed to come forward with a meaningful homeland security plan. They failed to address the recommendations of the 9/11 Commission, and they failed to provide for the needs of our first responders.

This Congress needs to act now in order to protect the people of this great Nation.

#### HEARTFELT SYMPATHY AND CONDOLENCES FOR RUSSIA

(Mr. BAIRD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BAIRD. Mr. Speaker, we have a lot to do today in the House of Representatives, as we do every day; and we will undoubtedly talk about a number of matters of great importance. But as we do, we should not forget that thousands of miles from here, thousands of families are mourning the loss of their children, their husbands and wives in Russia to a brutal and horrible terrorist attack.

I would ask this House to think about that as we go about our business, to extend our heartfelt sympathies and condolences, and our steadfast determination to assist our friends in stamping out this horrific kind of attack. Whatever the political grievance, whatever the disagreement there can be, there must be no excuse for this sort of barbarity.

Our hearts go out to our friends, and we share in their profound sadness in Russia.

#### POLITICS OF HOPE VERSUS POLITICS OF FEAR FOR AMERICA

(Mr. LEWIS of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, the Vice President of the United States said yesterday, "It is absolutely essential that 8 weeks from today on November 2nd, we make the right choice, because if we make the wrong choice, then the danger is that we'll get hit again." The words of the Vice President, Vice President CHENEY.

That is absolutely outrageous. It is unreal. It is unbelievable.

My fellow Americans, I want you to know that this administration will say anything, even do anything to stay in power. They will deceive, they will

mislead, and they will steal. They will not tell the truth. There should be a sense of righteous indignation all across America, in the American media.

The Vice President of the United States is preaching the politics of fear. He is trying to scare the American people. We can do better, much better, with the politics of hope. For we are one people, one America, one family, one House. The American family. The American House. Shame on you, Mr. Vice President.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. TERRY). Members should not address the Vice President in personally offensive terms.

#### EXPRESSING INDIGNATION RESULTING FROM COMMENTS OF VICE PRESIDENT

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I would make one announcement this morning before I begin my 1-minute and ask for the leadership of consciousness and fairness of this House, the Republicans, to bring the extension of the assault weapons ban to the floor of the House and allow democracy to prevail.

I too offer my sympathy to the people of Russia for the loss of their loved ones. That is why I stand this morning to claim outrageously my indignation over a most hateful comment, if you will, that has been offered by the second-in-command of the United States of America. To suggest that the American people will make a choice, and if they make a different choice from the present leadership of this government, then we are sure to have a terrorist hit, is something beyond my comprehension. It is beyond my comprehension to debate the very serious issue of lives lost on 9/11, now some few days away; to suggest that by voting that you are going to bring about a hit on the innocent American people.

I would hope that in the course of this debate, the American people will make the right choice, and that choice is to recognize that people who have dignity and respect for the Constitution, JOHN KERRY and JOHN EDWARDS, are really the ones that should be elected; and anyone who wants to play in the field of divisiveness suggesting that we be hit because you make an election choice should be unelected.

#### ARE WE SAFER NOW THAN 4 YEARS AGO?

(Mr. SHERMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)